Faculty Advisory Council
Minutes for Meeting on February 24, 2006

Present: Colleen, Steve Furney, Sarah Nelson, Rubén Garza for Gwynne Ash, Maria de la Colina, Mo Johnson, Steve Gordon.

Absent: Shana Pate, Annie Brooks, Mike Boone, Bobby Patton, Tinker Murray, Stephen Awonyi.

Steve Gordon contributed snacks for the FAC meeting today.

1. Steve Gordon opened the meeting by having Sarah Nelson report on the Brown Bag Lunch held today. She reported that there were several faculty members in attendance. The presentation focused on the new IRB process and training which involved 14 on-line modules and a new form for a 2-day expedited process. Certain modules will be designated for certain areas. Documents were distributed by Larry Price concerning the Professional Development and Technology Committee.

Brown Bag lunches coming up are:
March 24\textsuperscript{th} at ABS South # 309- Presenters are Annie Brooks and Larry Price (Maria and Jennifer have committed to attending as FAC members)
April 21\textsuperscript{st} at ED #4040- Presenters are Editors of journals (Nathan Bond, Gay James, Tinker Murray are possible presenters). Steve Gordon, Maria and Steve Furney have committed to attending as FAC members).

2. Steve Gordon announced that Dean Barrera has requested that FAC change its meeting times because our regularly-scheduled meetings conflict with her meetings with the Equity and Access Committee. It was suggested that we could meet on every other Friday from 1-3 PM. Steve will check with FAC members who are absent. It was also suggested that we coordinate meeting rooms with brown bag lunches.

3. Results of the survey of new faculty:
Steve Gordon will send out a FAC sheet with questions posed by new faculty and what FAC will be working on to support new faculty.

4. A discussion was held concerning a FAC-sponsored forum to bring faculty together and have dialogue about working together in research teaching and service. We could possibly have one this spring entitled, “Partnering with the Community.” There was a discussion about forum possibilities thinking about pros and cons. A planning committee was identified consisting of Mo Johnson, Sarah Nelson, and María De la Colina. This committee will decide on the date for the forum.

Distributors of information for FAC forum were named: Mo Johnson for HPER, Jennifer Battle for C & I, and Steve Gordon for EAPS.

5. FAC White paper or position paper
Steve Gordon made a suggestion that the FAC consider a White Paper or Position paper as a way to express our position on issues about which we feel strongly, and
may provide a way to have an influence on the whole college. We would be putting forth a position and a rationale for that position, stating how we think things ought to work. Issues that were suggested are: a) the four course load in the summer, b) the culture of research vs. a culture of balances, c) getting grants vs. grants to do research.

6. The department of C & I still needs to hold an election to replace Jo Webber.

7. Jennifer Battle promised to search for the latest version of the Constitution reflecting the changes concerning the elections of FAC officers in the Spring. This newer versions should be posted on the website, as well as the Policy and Procedures manual, and a current FAC roster.

8. Round the Table:
FAC members were given the opportunity to bring forward any new issues or concerns. The two issues that were brought up concerned the space issue in HPER with classrooms that are too small, and the summer schedule with the heavy 4-course load.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Battle
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